

# NEWSLETTER NO.33

## OCTOBER 21, 2015

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### OCTOBER

- 26<sup>th</sup> Footsteps dance program in the Hall  
26<sup>th</sup> Chaplaincy meeting at 9am in the Library  
27<sup>th</sup> Breakfast Club  
28<sup>th</sup> Dental van arrives  
30<sup>th</sup> Day for Daniel – wear red

#### NOVEMBER

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Footsteps dance program in the Hall  
2-5<sup>th</sup> Book Week  
3<sup>rd</sup> Breakfast Club  
4<sup>th</sup> Prep 2016 Orientation Day  
5<sup>th</sup> 2016 Prep Orientation Day  
9<sup>th</sup> Footsteps dance program in the Hall  
10<sup>th</sup> Breakfast Club  
11<sup>th</sup> Prep Reef Puppet show 11:45 – 1:15pm  
12<sup>th</sup> Parent Music Information Evening, 6pm in the Hall  
17<sup>th</sup> Breakfast Club  
19-20<sup>th</sup> Year 4 Camp to Underwater world  
24<sup>th</sup> Breakfast Club  
26<sup>th</sup> Footsteps Disco: Prep to Year 3 from 6pm – 7pm and Years  
4 – 6 from 7 – 8:30pm  
30<sup>th</sup> 2016 Prep Information Evening 6:30 – 7:30pm in the Hall

### FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL

#### Road Safety For All of Us!

The issue of unsafe behaviour on the roads around our school by drivers, students and parents has unfortunately become more common place. There is no easy way to put it – some bad habits **MUST** change or the risk of someone being injured or worse is only going to increase. With the assistance of Senior Constable Meriel Ianna (Our Adopt a Cop) and the Queensland Police Service, there will be an increased presence to support Everton Park State School in directly addressing these safety concerns.

Here are some tips to assist with safety around the school entries, roads and pickup and drop off zones.

1. Talk to your child about how to cross the road safely by identifying and choosing the safest places to cross the road. These are:
  - a children's crossing – teach them to only cross when the Crossing Supervisor has signalled it is safe.
  - a pedestrian (zebra) crossing – teach them to only cross when cars have stopped for them.
  - pedestrian traffic lights – teach them to only cross when they can see the 'green man' or the green WALK sign and never cross when they can see a 'red man' or the red DON'T WALK sign.

If there are no crossings available, they should choose a safe place where they can see traffic in all directions and where drivers can see them.

2. School zone speed limits (usually 40 km/h) are in force on school days during specified hours. Motorists should read signs carefully when entering school zones. The school zone hours for our school are: 7am – 9am and 2pm – 4pm.

3. When you see a School Crossing Supervisor, obey their instructions. The supervisor will step onto the road and display the STOP sign. You must STOP and wait until the pedestrians have crossed the road and the supervisor has returned to the kerb before proceeding.
4. Don't park in no-stopping zones or use them as drop off areas. No Stopping means DO NOT STOP HERE for any reason unless obeying an official direction. You can drop off or pick up passengers in a 'No Parking' or a 'Stop, Drop and Go' zone as long as the vehicle is not left unattended and you exit the zone within two minutes.
5. Do not use the school grounds, staff and delivery parking areas as drop off and pick up zones. This is unsafe and not permitted. Only vehicles displaying a disabled parking permit or vehicles with children from the SEP may use the disabled parking space or enter the school grounds to pick up or drop off. Any other vehicles entering school grounds require the explicit permission from the principal or officer-in-charge.
6. As parents and carers you can set a good example for your children on how to be safe as a passenger, pedestrian, cyclist and driver by:
  - a. taking the time to talk about what your child can see when walking or driving with you in the car.
  - b. pointing out traffic signs and signals and explain what they mean, and talk about safer places to cross the road – such as at pedestrian (zebra) crossings.
  - c. always wearing your seatbelt.
  - d. being calm when travelling, not swearing or yelling at other road users, or showing aggressive driving behaviours such as tailgating, dangerous turns (including unnecessary U-turns and 3 point turns) or dangerous overtaking manoeuvres.

I will conclude by saying that the safety of our students is paramount with any action we take or assistance we request. I personally support the Queensland Police Service with any action they take against unsafe road users.



David O'Connor  
Acting Principal

## CHAPLAINCY MEETING

The next Chaplaincy meeting will be held on **Monday, 26 October at 9:00am in the Library**. All are welcome. If you have any queries please contact Chappie Nikki at school on either Mondays or Tuesdays or Naomi Seaton who is usually at the Prep rooms in the morning at drop off time or pick-up time in the afternoons. Alternatively, you can send an email to [Chaplaincy@everparkss.eq.edu.au](mailto:Chaplaincy@everparkss.eq.edu.au)

## CHAPLAINCY NEWS

We had a very successful start to the Shine and Strength programs for our Year 6 students and the Drumbeat program is being held again today.

We will be taking on a Christmas theme because it's always so much fun and means so much more to hand make gifts and gift tags.

Continuing with our Fathering Project and building children's confidence:

- Teach children to do things for themselves and not to just rely on you.
- Avoid sarcasm - it can destroy confidence.
- Don't overuse praise - encouragement works better (children need coaches, not fans).

Be confident around your children and enjoy them. However, displaying the occasional glimpse of vulnerability gives them a balanced perspective of life.

*"Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak. Courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen".* Winston Churchill

## QUEENSLAND POLICE SERVICE

As your Adopt-a-Cop, I would like to provide you with the specific offences relating to traffic matters around our school. Some of you may not be aware of the offences that you are committing that jeopardise the safety



of our children.

In Deakin Street it is an offence to cross the School Crossing solid white line.

**132(2) Fail to keep left of centre dividing line- \$212, 3 points.**

Deakin Street and Lyne Street - 2 minute parking zone.

**205(1) Disobey permissive parking sign (time) - \$47.**

Barton Street - no parking from 7am – 9am and from 2pm to 4pm.

**168(1) Stop contrary to 'NO PARKING' sign - \$47.**

As the Adopt-a-Cop and as a parent of children at the school, I am very disappointed that we, as a whole, cannot adhere to some basic road rules to keep our children safe. I have experienced the devastating effects of what can happen when road rules are broken and I do not want this for our children.

Now that you are aware of the rules I trust that you will abide by them. Failing to do so will result in you being served with an infringement notice either by myself or other police.

Thank you in advance.  
Senior Constable Meriel Ianna

## FOOTSTEPS DANCE DISCO



There will be a **disco** held by Footsteps on **Thursday, 26 November** in the Hall. Prep – Year 3 will be from 6:00 – 7:00pm and Years 4 – 6 will be from 7:00 – 8:30pm. There is no charge for this activity.

## ACTIVE SCHOOL TRAVEL



Congratulations to 1E (with 100% of students) and 2/3B (with 74% of students) actively travelling to school for the previous 'Fun Fit Friday'! You have won the Gold Star awards!

The focus for every 'Fun Fit Friday' in the month of October is 'most improved from baseline'. That means that we need ALL students to ACTIVELY TRAVEL TO SCHOOL. Whether it's by walking, riding your bike, scootering or skateboarding, hitching a bus or carpooling with school friends. Every 'Fun Fit Friday' in October, students who actively travel to school (by ANY mode), will be awarded DOUBLE STAMPS in/on their AST passport/card! Don't miss this chance to get DOUBLE STAMPS.

Don't forget to actively travel EVERY Tuesday (Terrific Traveller Tuesday) for one BONUS stamp in/on your AST passport/card.

'AST Points for House Colours' is still running for this term!!! Don't forget to 'check in' with the House Captains every Fun, Fit, Friday, at the big shed from 8:30 – 8:45am! If there are any Year 5 students who are willing/available to help our House Captains for the 'check in' session at the shed every Friday morning, please see Miss K.

The countdown is on! There's only 7 weeks to claim your AST prizes! As this is the final year with the AST program in our school, the next 7 weeks will be your last chance to collect AST prizes. Don't forget to claim your AST prizes at the AST shop. The shop is open on Fridays from 11:20am (after first break eating time). A special thank you to Bianca E and Anika S for helping Miss. K at the

AST shop last Friday. Bianca and Anika volunteered to give up their own play time to help to distribute prizes to other students, without being asked to help. These two girls are sure to make exceptional school leaders next year.

Are you one of the students who has finished collecting stamps on your AST card this term? Good news! You're in the draw to win one final BIG prize for your efforts in actively travelling to school! The FINAL draw will be done at the Week 9 assembly (4th December). Get your cards in BEFORE that assembly.



## STRENGTH AND SHINE PROGRAM

This program is being offered to our Year 6 boys and girls and will be facilitated by presenters from the Nexus Church Strength and Shine Team. The program does not discuss religion or spirituality. It is based around the values of worth, strength and purpose. It is aimed at equipping students with the knowledge and skills to discover who they are and to encourage them to learn about resilience, relationships and courage. The program will be held each Thursday, commencing 15 October from 2:00 – 3:00pm for 9 weeks and is free of charge. Letters were sent home the last week of last term. If you did not receive one and would like your child to participate, forms can be collected from the office.

## STUDENT PAYMENTS

You may have noticed at the bottom of our invoices there is now another option for payments.

BPoint is an Online System provided to schools by Commonwealth Bank as a safe and secure payment method. It can be accessed via ANY Computer or Smart Phone.

- Log on to <http://www.bpoint.com.au/payments/dete>
- Quote your Customer Reference number (CRN).
- Quote the invoice number that the payment is relating (5 digit number).

The school is automatically notified of the payment and are usually matched in an overnight process.

We will still be accepting direct bank deposits, envelopes with credit card details completed and, of course, cheques and cash.

As we do not operate an 'open' receipting area, we cannot process EFTPOS payments at this stage, even though the 'generic information' on the invoice states otherwise.

Any further questions please contact Joy or Barb in the office.

## 2016

### CHEERLEADING TEAMS

The end of the year is approaching and cheerleading is coming to an end. We are starting to prepare for next year's squads. If you are currently a student and wish to join any of the cheer squads next year, you MUST attend auditions in Term 4. **Auditions will be held on Monday mornings, from 7.45-8.30am in Weeks 4, 5, 6 and 7.** If you have a previous commitment, but would still like to audition, see Miss Rogers and we will make other arrangements.

The 3 squads that you can audition for include:

**Cheer Squad** - this is the competing squad (practises every Monday and Thursday afternoon from 3-5pm).

**Reserves** - Year 3- 6 (practises on a Tuesday morning from 7.45-8.30 am in 2016).

**Pups** - Prep to Year 2 (practises on a Monday morning from 7.45-8.30am in 2016).

If you like to dance, would like to learn some new skills and would like to join in the fun, simply come along to the auditions in the Hall during Term 4. Only new students to the school will be admitted to the teams without auditioning in 2016. If you have any questions, please come and see me.

Thanks  
Miss Rogers

## CHILD AND ADOLESCENT ORAL HEALTH NEWS

The Child and Adolescent Oral Health Program will be offering treatment to the students of this **from Wednesday, 28 October**. Years 4, 5 and 6 have been issued with a consent/medical history form. If you wish your child to be treated please return the fully completed consent form (4 pages) to your class teacher as soon as possible. Due to the demands on our service parents who return consent forms late will not necessarily have their children treated on site and may be offered treatment at another site. Once dental staff receive a completed form your child will be examined. If your child requires further dental treatment, a 'Consent to Treatment' form will be issued for your signed consent. Students from the other year levels will be offered treatment after the Year 4, 5 and 6 students are treated. You will be notified via the school newsletter of the date the school dental program commences treatment at this school. For any enquires please contact staff on 0412 706 508.

## ART CLUB

Art Club has started again. We meet at second break each Wednesday and we welcome all budding artists to join us for lots of creative adventures.

## LIBRARY NEWS

### BOOK FAIR

Our annual **book fair** will be held on **Monday, 2 November to Thursday, 5 November**. The Book Fair this year is being supplied by Dymocks Books. If

you can help out I would love to hear from you. This event helps us raise money through commission on the sales and we are then able to use this commission to buy more books for our amazing library. A great way to put away books for Christmas presents.

Did you know your children have access to the **Queensland State Schools ebooks digital library**? If you google this and then put in a child's username (the same one they use to log in on the school computers) you will have access to an enormous range of ebooks. Read in the browser on your computer or download with Adobe Digital Editions (free software). Or get the **Overdrive app** and read from any e-reading device, iPad, tablet or phone. I am happy to help if you have any issues. Please call, email or drop in before school for me to show you.

Miss Lukey  
[bluke1@eq.edu.au](mailto:bluke1@eq.edu.au)  
Teacher/Librarian

## GARDEN CLUB



The gardening club meets on **Wednesday morning before school** from 8.10am to 8.40am. Meet at the garden beside the cricket pitch.

## FOUND

A good quality adults' watch was found last week. If you think it belongs to you please could you call the office.

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS

Thank you to all the parents who have volunteered to help out with swimming so far. Unfortunately we only have 1 volunteer for 3S. As a result the students are not getting as much swimming time or differentiation as they would if there were more parents. Any extra volunteers would be most appreciated.

Friday afternoon sport continues this week. Remember Friday is the last day to pay for sport.

Sports badges have been ordered for those students who have been selected to represent the North District or Met North in a sport. They will be handed out on assembly when they arrive. Notice will be given to parents so they can attend the assembly if they wish.

## DAY FOR DANIEL 30 October 2015

This year we will be participating in the Day for Daniel on 30 October. All children, parents and staff are encouraged to wear a red shirt on the day (or black if you can't wear red) and donate a gold coin to go to the Daniel Morcombe Foundation. We will be incorporating safety initiatives and will

also be participating with a Walk from Teralba Park on the day. I will keep you posted as more information comes to hand but please plan to participate in some way on this very important day.  
Tracey Irwin (4/5I Teacher)

## MUSIC NEWS



### CHOIR

Choir rehearsal will be held on Fridays this term at first break (after eating at 11:20am).

### ELEMENTS

Come and join Elements Choir every Tuesday at 8am in the Music Room with Miss K and Ms Lovelock

## INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC LEVIES 2016

After consultation with our Administration team there will be an increase in our Instrumental Music Fees for 2016. These fees have not been increased at our school for at least 10 years. These fees will continue to help with maintaining our instruments properly and helping running our program. For any queries please contact our Administration team

If your child is hiring a school instrument the cost is \$125.00 for the year. If your child is using their own instrument in 2015 the cost will be \$75.00 for the year.

### TUESDAY, 17 NOVEMBER - 6.00pm

Don't forget our band, strings and choir groups will be performing at their final concert for 2015 at our school on hall on Tuesday, 17 November at 6.00pm. Letters will be sent home soon with future details.

### Instrumental Music New Students 2016

Letters have been sent home to families whose children have been accepted into our Instrumental Music Program for 2015. Please let us know as soon as possible.

### QWAB - Children's Concert

Mrs Penny Hall will be playing in a special children's concert featuring works from Frozen, The Incredibles, Superman and Looney Tunes. This is a FREE concert for children. Date: Saturday, 12 December at 7.00pm

For further information contact [www.qwab.com.au](http://www.qwab.com.au)

For any string queries please contact Anne Keenan at [akeen9@eq.edu.au](mailto:akeen9@eq.edu.au) (Thursdays at our school)

For any band queries please contact Penny Hall at [phall35@eq.edu.au](mailto:phall35@eq.edu.au) (Wednesdays at our school)

For any classroom music queries please contact Jewel Lucas (Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays at our school)

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### INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

Our final music soiree for this year will be held at our school hall on Tuesday, 17 November at 6.30pm. This will involve our Choirs, Bands and String ensembles.

### BAND PROGRAM 2016

Information regarding new students who will be part of the Strings, Woodwind, Brass and Percussion program for 2016 will receive which instrument they have been selected for in the next week. There will be a parent information evening about our program on Thursday, 12 November at 6.00pm.

### CONTINUING BAND STUDENTS

Letters will also be sent home this week about whether your child in the current Woodwind, Brass and Percussion program will be continuing next year. Viva la musica!

For all string queries please contact Ms Anne Keenan at [akeen9@eq.edu.au](mailto:akeen9@eq.edu.au) Ms Keenan teaches at our school on Thursdays.

For all band queries please contact Mrs Penny Hall at [phall35@eq.edu.au](mailto:phall35@eq.edu.au) Mrs Hall teaches at our school on Wednesdays.

For all classroom music/choral or The Elements queries please contact Mrs Crook at [bcrook4@eq.edu.au](mailto:bcrook4@eq.edu.au) Mrs Crook works at our school on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

## FRIDAY INTERSCHOOL SPORT RESULTS

### TOUCH FOOTBALL

#### Year 5 Boys

EPSS v Craigslea – lost 2-1.

EPSS v Prince of Peace – won 2-1.

#### Year 6 Boys

EPSS v Everton Hills – drew 1-1.

EPSS v Craigslea – lost 3-1.

### GIRLS TOUCH FOOTBALL

#### Year 5

EPSS v McDowall – drew 0 – 0.

EPSS v Eatons Hill – drew 1 – 1.

#### Year 6

EPSS v Craigslea – won 2 – 1.

### VOLLEYBALL

EPSS Seniors Team 5 v EPSS Team 8 – won 18 – 11.

EPSS Team 4 v Northside Christian College – lost 41 – 24.

### CRICKET

EPSS Magpies v McDowall Parrots – won 32 – 31.

EPSS Crows v Craigslea – won 78 – 14.

## Uniform Shop



### Remember!

The opening day for the Uniform Shop is **Monday's for Term 4**. The opening time is 8:15 – 9:30am and Flexischools will operate as normal.

### Flexischools

Do you need to get uniforms from the Uniform Shop? Why not order it on **Flexischools**. No need to come into the school at all. I will fill your order and hand-deliver it to your child in class. So save time and order on **Flexischools**!

### 2<sup>nd</sup> HAND UNIFORMS NEEDED

Do you have uniforms lying around the kids have grown out of? Bring them into us!! We need your 2<sup>nd</sup> hand uniforms.

Bring them to the Uniform Shop on Monday between 8.15-9.30am and we'll have a look at them. They need to be in good condition and if they are we'll PAY you \$10 per item for them, \$20 for Sports Jackets. Just remember to also bring along your account details so we can transfer the money into your account.

### Volunteers Needed

The Uniform Shop **needs** volunteers to help out on Monday mornings. You'll be required from 8.15am - 9.30am and if you can only do one Monday a month that's fine. If you can help out **please** contact me on [jjbounceback@optusnet.com.au](mailto:jjbounceback@optusnet.com.au), or phone me on **0402880216** or pop in and see me one Monday morning. It's a great way of meeting all the wonderful families in our school and I would really appreciate your help.

### Jeanette Jenkinson

Uniform Shop Convenor



# TUCKSHOP NEWS

Tuckshop is open Monday, Thursday and Friday.

## **OCTOBER ROSTER**

**Thursday 22**

Sherryn Overlack

**Friday 23**

Vicky Wilson, Penny Turner, Nikki Clur



**Hotter  
days are here.**

Lemonade Icy Twists \$1.00  
BBQ Chicken Pizza still available  
until sold out \$3.00

Katrina  
Tuckshop Convenor

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

### **Stall Holders Required**

Everton Park high school Building For Futures Committee are having a car boot sale on Saturday, 7 November. If you are interested in having a stall you will need to be here by 5.30am for a 6:00am start. The cost of having a stall will be \$15 plus \$5 for a small table and \$10 for a large one. Please contact Sue Ellis on 3354 0205 if you are interested.

### **Violin for sale (half size) \$60**

Good condition – not used enough!!

Phone Narelle 0414663195

